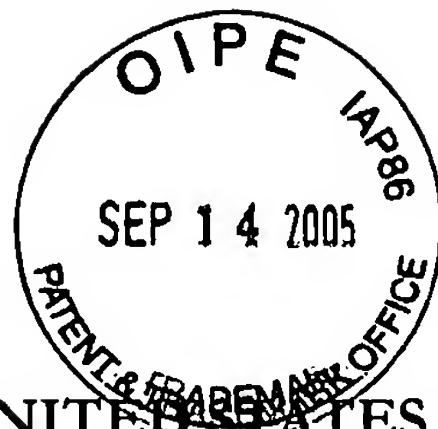


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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

The Examiner's attention is directed to the Information Disclosure Statement that accompanies this amendment.

This Amendment B responds to the Office Action mailed 11 April 2005. An automatic two month extension to respond, up to and including 11 September 2005, is respectfully requested.

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